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In re

Patent Application of

Kenneth A. Bradenbaugh

Application No. 10/808,686

Confirmation No.: 6069

Filed: March 25, 2004

Examiner: Thor S. Campbell

"WATER HEATER AND METHOD OF
CONTROLLING THE SAME"

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application.

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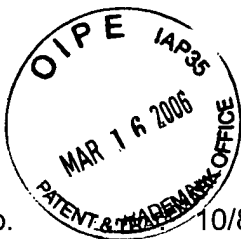
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RESPONSE

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This communication responds to the action dated February 14, 2006.

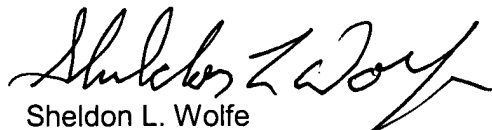
The Office subjected the originally filed claims to a restriction and/or election requirement on March 10, 2005. Applicant elected Species A on April 8, 2005. According to the Office at the time, claims 1-17, 18-62, and 103-127 read on the elected species and claims 1-17 were generic.

The Office then subjected the originally filed claims to a second restriction and/or election requirement on July 14, 2005. In addition to the previous election/restriction, the Office stated there is no generic claim and Species A is subjected to an additional subspecies election. Applicant elected Subspecies I: Gas water heater and method of controlling same. Applicant asserted, from the claims of Species A, claims 1-62, 103, 105-115, and 117-127 read on the elected subspecies.

The Office now subjects the originally filed claims to a third restriction and/or election requirement. In clarifying the previous elections/restrictions, the Office presents a four-way restriction. In addition, Group II is subjected to a subspecies election. Applicant elects Group II,

Subspecies I. Applicant asserts, from the claims of Group II, claims 18-62, 103, 105-115, and 117-127 read on the elected subspecies.

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